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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, enclosed is a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued September 28, 2006 in corresponding PCT/CH2004/000157, and accompanying English translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority. The D1 reference cited therein, i.e., Tindal et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/069274 A1, was previously disclosed to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in the First Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-identified application on September 15, 2006. A copy of the D2 reference, Stallings, "*SNMP and SNMPv2: The Infrastructure for Network Management*", IEEE Communications Magazine, IEEE Service Center, Piscataway, NJ, US, vol. 36, no. 3, 1 March 1998, pp. 37-43, is provided herewith.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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